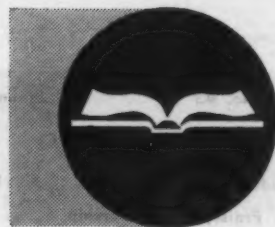


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If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



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READERS' RESPONSE

The article "Church Appreciation" by Brother David Lemons in the November 14 issue of the *Evangel* was one of the best I have read in a long time. I think today is the time to speak, show and prove our appreciation for the Church and its influence on our lives. One reason I appreciated this was that I am in a city of 126,093 population which has no Church of God. I only attend church on the average of once a month when I can get away from my work.

Please pray for us. We plan to begin a Sunday School here soon.
—NADYNE CLOUSE
Madison, Wisc.

Your editorials are very enjoyable, but I was specially intrigued by your recent writings on the different facts of Biblical faith. I feel it is a worthy contribution toward one of the greatest needs of our church.

I hope some of your future editorials will run in the same vein, because I feel they are both timely and needed.
—L. LUTHER TURNER
Church of God Tabernacle
Detroit, Michigan

Your editorial on "Duty or Desire" was very inspiring to me. May the Lord continue to bless you in your literary effort.
—JACK LINDSEY
Atlanta, Ga.

After reading your editorial in the November 14 issue of the *Evangel*, I wanted to tell you how the mighty power of God surged through me when I read it. I feel that God surely anointed you to write that piece.

—MRS. H. E. LANE
Snyder, Tex.

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Editorial

THE RUDDER AND THE ROCK

ONE OF LIFE'S GREATEST lessons is summed up in the proverb:

He who will not answer to the rudder must answer to the rock.

Now get the picture. A boat glides smoothly along on the breast of the sea. The rudder is turned and the boat veers gently in its course. By slight alterations of its rudder, first one way and then another, the boat is maneuvered safely through the rocks, the shoals, and the stormy currents.

Then the boat fails to respond to the gentle urgings of the rudder. Caught away with the force of the wind and the drive of the waves, the boat will not answer to the influence of its rudder, but plunges on in its headstrong way. Yielding to the new and exciting pressures about it, it races along in heedless abandon toward the rocks and reefs. Though the rudder nudges and presses against the turbulence, the boat, oblivious to the dangers about it, will not respond.

Having abandoned its rudder, and in surrender to the wind and the waves, the boat follows caprice and folly. The wind and the waves have no care for the rocks; they offer no warning, they have no concern.

Then the rudderless boat crashes into the disastrous rock.

Because the rock is firm, unyielding granite, the boat is smashed to pieces.

The rock was inexorable, and its demands could not be evaded or ignored. The wreckage of the boat is strewn over the sea.

He who will not answer to the rudder must answer to the rock.

What a lesson is here for us.

Life has given us rudders of influence to steer us clear of the rocks of retribution and consequence. We may ignore the rudder for the very simple reason that it works gently through influence and persuasion, but we cannot ignore the rocks, those harsh, inflexible, hurtful consequences of our wrongdoing.

That is what the Scripture is telling us when it says:

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy (Proverbs 29:1).

Good counsel is not inescapable. We may accept it or reject it. It will not force itself upon us. The consequences will not be optional. We are not free to reject the fruit of our deeds; they are ours, to be reckoned with to the bitter end.

The most important rudder we have is *conscience*. We are not forced to answer it. We will, nonetheless, be wise to do so. God, working through conscience and conviction, would lead us to salvation and eternal life. Response to His sweet influences will lead us into a safe and sheltered haven of love and security. Rejection will dash us against the rock of judgment and condemnation.

That is the meaning of Jesus, when He speaking of Himself as the Stone of salvation, said:

Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder (Luke 20:18).

Whether or not we fall on Him by repentance is optional. His falling upon us in judgment is inescapable.

The same truth follows in all of life. We may refuse to listen to wisdom, but we cannot refuse the consequences of our folly. This fact is eloquently proclaimed in Proverbs 1, where Wisdom cries out:

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Wisdom, reason, counsel, conscience, influence, good example—all these are rudders to steer you safely through the rocks of consequence that will break you, wreck you, shatter you, destroy you. Wisdom tells you, for instance, to care for your health. You don't have to do it. You can disregard the warnings, the little symptoms and ailments; but you cannot ignore the evidence of ill health when your heart collapses, or your body is broken.

Reason tells you to guard your reputation, but you don't have to. You can associate with evil companions, frequent questionable places, consort with temptation. But you can't ignore the rock of judgment

Prayer- Praise- and Worship

By George B. Horton

Pastor, Weirton, West Virginia

P RAYER IS THE conversation of the soul with God. It has been said to be "love's great artillery." It is our communion and fellowship with God. The correct method of prayer is to pray to the Father through the Son and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

*Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.*

Prayer is a simple, desirable, manly and profitable thing to do.

PRAISE

Praise has the same root word as "price," and therefore means "to ascribe value and worth to

another." It goes beyond mere gratitude. It presents itself in some form of expression. We praise God because we believe that He is worthy of praise. To praise is to extol, commend and/or express approbation.

WORSHIP

The very nature of man causes him to worship something. We have been subjected to God's testimony and realize the proper Personage of our worship. We can see the Infinite always shadowed forth in things finite. Worship is trusting, reverencing and depending upon the Most High God. It includes ALL the acts and rites that we perform in our service to God. "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."



LUKE 18:1 Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.



JAMES 5:16 ...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



1 CHRON. 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

when your character is compromised, your reputation impaired, and your life is sullied.

You may know that you should form good habits. You should fortify your spiritual life. You should enlarge your knowledge and understanding. You should form good associations. You should respect the advice of your friends, your parents, your brethren. You should be faithful in responsibility, discharging your duty. You should do an innumerable host of things that wisdom, reason, and conscience tell you to do. But you don't have to.

These are rudders to guide you.
You can ignore them.

If you do, however, you will answer to the rock. One day you will respond, for your life will be injured and your hopes will have crashed.

But it doesn't have to be so. You can answer even now to the gentle influence of the rudders that will steer you safely over the billows of life.

Charles W. Cowie

What Shall the End Be?

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

By C. L. Barker

Pastor, Kelleysville, West Virginia

PAUL DOES NOT want us to worry about those who have died and gone on ahead of us, but admonishes us to trust in the Lord. There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust, and if our loved ones are saved, there is nothing to worry about, for he said in 2 Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). Death does not annihilate us; our bodies are laid in the grave and our spirit and soul go to the paradise of God with Christ, there to wait for the resurrection when we shall come forth as spiritual bodies like the body of Jesus. "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21). Therefore, Paul says we should not sorrow as do others who have no hope.

Now there are some things that we must believe to be saved. We must believe in Christ as our Saviour, that His blood was shed for us to redeem us from sin and to purify unto Himself a peculiar people, and that He arose from the grave. Our resurrection depends upon our faith in His resurrection; as He was raised from the dead, so shall we be raised like Him in the first resurrection.

The dead in Christ will be raised first. The living shall then be changed, and rise together with

them to meet the Lord in the air to ever be with the Lord.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout." This will be a victory shout. This is the shout that all the saints are waiting for, when our redemption will become a reality. The dead in Christ will come forth in a resurrected body, a spiritual body, an immortal body, a body like that of our Saviour, and we shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye. The shout of the Lord will be in the form of a command. We are not told what it will be, but I think it could be Isaiah 26:20: "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee." Whatever the shout of the Lord is, it will wake up the dead. Just as His voice called forth Lazarus from the dead, it will call forth the dead in Christ whose bodies are waiting in the grave. The archangel and the trump of God will also be heard. Just as the children of Israel blew a trumpet to call the people to the tabernacle, this trump of God will call

all the redeemed together to meet the Lord in the air.

The sinner will not only be left to face lost loved ones but he will have to face the great tribulation, which will follow immediately. There is no doubt that his conscience will torment him for not having been ready. What an awful thing it will be to be left behind. It will not be like missing the street car or bus. If you miss one, you can wait a few minutes and catch another. There will not be another rapture. All the sinner will have to look forward to are the horrors and terrors of the antichrist, then eternal doom. No wonder sinners will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them "from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16).

During the tribulation there shall be a great earthquake; the sun shall become black as sackcloth; the moon shall become as blood; the stars of heaven shall fall; the heavens shall depart as a scroll when it is rolled together. Every mountain and island will move out of its place. Men will not be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast.

I believe that the antichrist will have too much knowledge to ask the world to accept and receive the mark of the beast, for he knows that there are many Bible readers who would recognize him. Therefore, he will not call his mark the "mark of the beast," but



he will use a name that will catch the eye, as the "mark of security," or something similar. Remember that he is a deceiver.

The Word says that the sea shall turn to blood, the rivers and all waters will become bitter, and many men will die because of the bitter waters. At one time the sun shall come so close to the earth that it will scorch men, and at another time there will be darkness—such darkness that men will gnaw their tongues for pain. There shall be a hail storm in which the hail will weigh a talent. There will also be an angel that will open the bottomless pit, and smoke as the smoke of a great furnace will come out of the pit. Out of the smoke will come locusts that will not eat the natural food of a locust but will eat on the men that do not worship the Lord. Then will men seek death and shall not find it. This shall last for five months. Two hundred million devils will be loosed from the River Euphrates. They will have a tail with a scorpion head which they will use to strike men, causing them to suffer when a scorpion strikes a man. They will kill one third of the men with fire, and jacinth, and brimstone.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

There are only two places to go. This world is a dressing place for eternity; we are preparing for one place or the other. There is no second chance after death, no hope to get right after we leave this world, no purgatory, no purifying fires. As the tree falleth, so shall it lie. This will be a wonderful day to the child of God, but a horrible day to the sinner.

This message is taken from the Word of God and God cannot lie. My prayer is that you who read these lines will consider where you will spend your life after death. If you turn down the Saviour here in this life, may God pity your poor soul.

Step Out on the Lord's Side

By T. L. Gilley, Jr.

WHEN MOSES STOOD in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him" (Exodus 32:26). From a child, these words of Moses "Who is on the Lord's side?" have had a special attraction to me.

One Sunday morning as I taught the youth class from this subject I was very much inspired. It seemed almost as if I were standing in the presence of God; I felt the anointing to teach as never before. Words came to me faster than I could speak them. As I told the class of the blessing and joy of living on the Lord's side this thought came to me: "Step Out on the Lord's Side" would be a good song title.

Step Out On The Lord's Side

T. L. G., Jr. L. Gilley

1. Step out on the Lord's side He'll keep you from wrong
 2. Step out on the Lord's side though strange it may seem us
 3. Step out on the Lord's side the joy bells will ring

trust in His won-der-ful love He'll send down blessing, He'll
 why that He hanged on the tree And tasted the worm-wood and
 seems I can hear their sweet chime Come join this great cho-
 us His

give you song He'll lead you o' heav'n above
 bit-ter es-gall o' pur-chase 'e demp-tion or chee.
 praise out-ly sing re-joice in His love o' di-vine



MY MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

When I finished the lesson and went into the auditorium the thought kept ringing in my mind. As the minister preached, although he had another subject, to me it was along the line of my song. The words and melody of the chorus came to me while he was preaching.

Later I wrote the verses. The first stanza tells of His keeping power; the second of His suffering on the cross that we could be redeemed, and the third tells of the joy of Christian living.

*Step out on the Lord's side.
He'll keep you from wrong.
Just trust in His wonderful love,
He'll send down a blessing,
He'll give you a song,
He'll lead you to heaven above.*

*Step out on the Lord's side.
Though strange it may seem
Just why that He hanged on the tree
And tasted the worm-wood and bitterest gall
To purchase redemption for thee.*

*Step out on the Lord's.
The joy bells will ring.
It seems I can hear their sweet chime
Come join this great chorus
His praise loudly sing
Rejoice in His love so divine.*

Many persons have said, "I should like to be a Christian if I thought I could live right." The Bible assures us that we can live right. "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Ro-



T. L. Gilley, Jr.

Step Out On The Lord's Side

CHORUS

Step out on the Lord's side Step out Step out
Step out on the Lord's side, step out Step out

and be happy o day Step out Step out on the
and be happy o day Step out Step out on the

Lord's side Step out and He'll show you the way
Lord's side Step out and He'll show you the way

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mans 5:20). "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Many nights I have lain awake for hours with a melody going over and over in my mind; later words would come to me to fit the melody.

A song writer is inspired to write a song as much as a minister is inspired to prepare and preach a message. The Spirit of God can work through the song writer and give him a message to bless others just as He gives the minister a message to inspire and bless his congregation. The writer, if he is to receive a truly inspirational song, must yield himself to that Spirit. I can write a song at any time, but songs that are inspired of God are always better, and are a greater blessing to others.



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Nassau Youth Congress

By Norris Brian

IT IS TRULY wonderful what the Lord has done! Words fail us to express what our hearts have felt and our eyes have seen.

In October our sixth annual Youth Congress was held in Nassau, Bahamas. Before the Congress the youth board met for a week in prayer to make final preparations for a successful Youth Congress. Youth meetings are always enthusiastically attended, so it was not a surprise that on the first night we all gathered at the Fowler Street Auditorium expecting great things from the Lord. We had a wonderful song service, after which the host pastor gave a welcome address; then the representative from the United States gave a most inspiring talk.

Rev. Carl Richardson preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit from the topic "Little foxes that spoil the tender grapes." Believers were edified and blessed and sinners were converted. The next night as we sang beautifully the songs of Zion, our souls were blessed and we saw the manifestation of the Holy Spirit all over the building. The message from the book of Kings concerned "broken altars." Again we felt and witnessed what we had seen the night before.

Each night thereafter it appeared as though the heavens were opened and the Lord Himself was in our midst. The preacher spoke on the second coming of the Lord and our hearts were blessed to the overflow. One night he was divinely led to pray for the sick.

At the close of the week he insisted that the youth not lose their anointing of God. Those who attended the services were reminded of what they had read in the book of Acts when the Holy Spirit came down on the Day of Pentecost and the disciples spake in other tongues. As we left the building, we said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us from the Word of God?"

We gathered at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday for our classes in the workshops. The teachers taught with simplicity, and as they taught the Holy Spirit drove the truth home to the students' hearts.

When we came to the last night of our Youth Congress, our hearts were blessed by the singing of the various groups from the Churches of God, and we felt that the Lord had anointed His servant in a peculiar way each night as he preached the message that the Lord laid on his heart for the congregation.

We close with these words:
Youth, O Youth, can I reach you;
Can I speak and make you hear.
Can I show you the things that are to be done
Ere the wrath of God cometh down.

May God bless us and keep us in the way we ought to go, and should we be permitted to experience another Youth Congress, we sincerely hope that the fruits of this congress will have grown in such a way that they can also bear much fruit. This has been a time of great inspiration for our young people in the Bahamas!

DID YOU KNOW...

That Cuba (la Republica de Cuba) is located about 150 miles due south of Florida? She is 44,200 miles square, or about the size of Louisiana. In area, she ranks 62nd in the world nations, and in population 54th, with 6,466,000 inhabitants.

Havana is the capital city and it has a population of 1,225,000. It is located 1,150 miles from our national capital. Cuba entered the United Nations in 1945 and, as is commonly understood from the newspaper prominence in recent months, the government is largely one-man rule. The chief executive is the prime minister.

Cuba's annual output value is \$2.8 billion; the output value per person is \$437. She produces more sugar than any other nation in the world. Also, in her list of natural products are tobacco and molasses. Her trade relations with the United States came to a halt in October, but prior to that we received 58 per cent of her exports and she received 73 per cent of all her imports from our country.

The average life span of the Cuban people is 50 years and illiteracy is only 20 per cent. The Church of God missionaries to this Spanish republic are Brother and Sister Hoyle Case and their two boys. At the moment they are directing the work from Wimauma, Florida, with hopes that they can be re-established in Cuba very soon. There are 379 Church of God members who worship in 11 churches. The ministers visited 897 homes during the month of August and preached 262 sermons. The converts numbered 110. Pray for all believers in Cuba during this time of severe spiritual trial.

There are two groups of persons. Some devote themselves to the improvement of their own character and the enrichment of society. They are the world's builders and benefactors. Other persons, like clinging parasites, live off the achievements of others. They are life's hitchhikers. Man does not rise to his full stature until he discovers the great truth that he is in this world to serve.

—D. Carl Yoder



*Those who take the
opportunity to witness
for Christ know the
joy that comes with*

The Second Chance

By Barbara Moore Page

Arlington, Texas

IT SEEMED THAT no one in the office really liked Martha. Behind her back everyone whispered that she was becoming obnoxious with all her symptoms and illnesses. Why did she have to be forever talking about her ailments? And did you ever notice how her ailments were always worse than the ailments of anyone else? Or, if she hadn't had your particular trouble, she knew someone who had it much worse? And that's the way it went. All the girls in the office began to give Martha the "cold shoulder" and soon she was almost an outcast.

Occasionally, your conscience pricked you and you felt that you shouldn't participate in the whispering about Martha. But then you justified yourself by thinking that it was well deserved. No one should be that neurotic—you'd think she would realize that people don't like to hear about the same ailments day after day. As a matter of fact, it got so bad that you quit saying, "Good morning, Martha, how are you today?" because Martha told you how she was; you just said, "Good morning, Martha," and left it at that.

There comes a day, however, when one of the other secretaries

in the office comes to your desk and tells you something that Martha said. It seems the subject of religion and church attendance had cropped up during a casual conversation and Martha had made the statement, "I'm afraid to die because I know I'm not ready." Later you sit at your desk and ponder that statement and you know that here in this very office there is a ripe harvest and the Lord needs a reaper. You think, "I should talk to her about her soul," but somehow the opportunity doesn't present itself. But does the opportunity to lead a soul to Christ ever present itself without your having to overcome certain obstacles? The devil is never going to let you witness to souls without fighting against you.

Another holiness girl works in the same office, and the two of you frequently talk over your respective church services and the blessings of the Lord. You go to her and repeat Martha's statement about her fear of death because you know that here is an ally—someone who can help you pray about this matter. You both realize the necessity of leading this soul to Christ.

Then comes the day when Mar-

tha is absent from work and the daily attendance report states "sickness" as the reason for her absence. You are inclined to take this lightly since Martha is always sick, but later in the morning you are told that Martha has had a brain hemorrhage and is in the hospital in a coma—her chances to live being very slim. Something hits you in the pit of your stomach and you almost feel sick. Within your heart you begin to cry out to God to spare the life of this girl who is afraid to die because she is not ready. Is her blood to be required at your hands? Have you ever really witnessed to her about the saving grace of Jesus Christ? These thoughts begin to tumble through your mind and you know that this girl must have another chance. You pick up the phone and call the pastor's wife and tell her the situation. You ask for prayer for the girl and the pastor's wife calls someone else in the church and asks them to pray, too. It isn't long before several people are praying that the life of this girl will be spared and that her soul will be saved. The wonderful part is that none of these people who are praying would even know the girl if they should see her.

The next report you hear on Martha's condition is encouraging. She has rallied and regained consciousness. You thank God that she has not yet gone into eternity and you continue to pray and hope that the girl will realize her need of the Saviour. Because the hospital in which Martha is confined is in another city, you are unable to visit her; however, when the report comes to you that she is to undergo an operation on her brain and the doctors give her a 20 to 1 chance for coming out alive, you know you have to do everything you can to tell her about the Lord. You write a letter and tell her how your church has prayed for her. You tell her about the Lord. Then you mail the letter with a prayer that it will accomplish its intended mission.

Martha is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. The team of neurosurgeons who are to perform the operation have estimated the time it will take to be from eight to twelve hours; they are doubtful of the outcome. You and the other holiness girl in the office make a covenant that you will fast on Wednesday morning and pray that Martha will make it.

On Wednesday morning you are troubled in mind and spirit as you go to work. As the morning goes on and you know that Martha is at that moment undergoing surgery from which she may possibly never awaken, you pray constantly in your heart that she will recover. It is hard to keep your mind on your work and tears come unbidden to your eyes when you think of three little boys who, after today, may not have a mother. The things that once you had disliked so intensely about Martha seem to fade into insignificance when you think how she is tottering on the brink of eternity at this very moment—very possibly a Godless eternity. You don't know whether or not she made it right with the Lord before she went into the operating room.

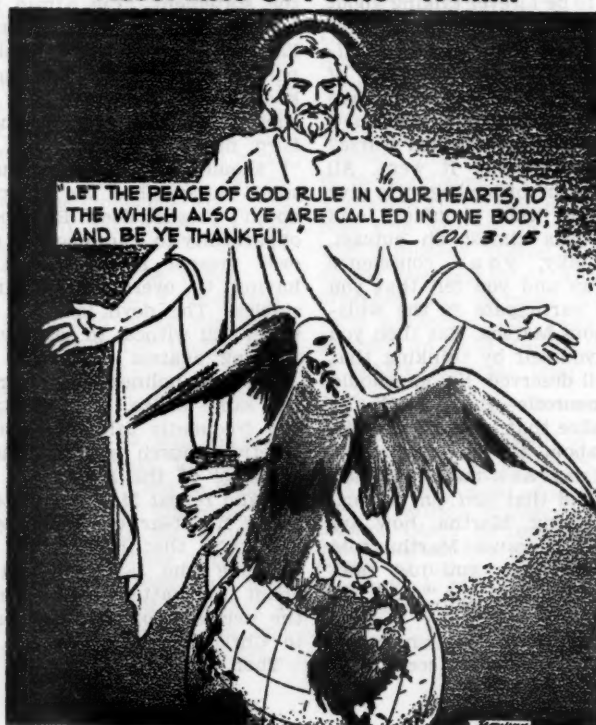
Along about the middle of the morning you feel as though you can no longer stand the strain of

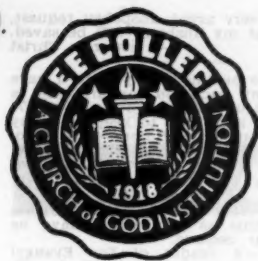
the uncertainty. You sit at your desk and begin to analyze your actions. You remember that when you first heard of Martha's illness, you had begun to pray and had asked your church to pray. You had written a letter to Martha and had told her about the Lord. Now, this very day, the day in which she may be facing eternity, you are fasting and praying that she will come out alive and be saved. Then you think, "I have done all that I can do now. It is out of my hands and in the hands of God. He is just, merciful and good; whatever He wills will be right." Then you feel a load lifted off you and you know beyond the shadow of a doubt that Martha will make it because God has willed it. You know He has willed it because He has let you know down deep in your heart. You feel a lightness of soul that you haven't felt in several days and when, at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon, the word comes that Martha has survived the operation, you are not surprised. Deep down inside is a praise to God and your heart is grateful because you know that the

God you serve is good and right and just.

You don't hear a report on Martha's condition for several days because you are out of town over the Thanksgiving holidays, but when you report back to work, you learn that the doctors are jubilant over Martha's progressive recovery and that they feel it is a miracle. In your mind there is no doubt that it is a miracle; you know that Jesus visited Martha in her hour of need and you know that He did it in answer to the earnest prayers of His people. But you realize, too, that this chapter of Martha's life is not yet closed. Although you know that physically she is progressing wonderfully, you still do not know the condition of her soul. Although you know that God tenderly and lovingly stayed death from her, you don't know whether or not she let Him into her heart. You know that she must. You also realize that God has not only given a second chance to Martha but also to one of His own children to witness to a soul in need of a Saviour; you know you must not fail.

Assurance Of Peace—Within





Lee College

Approved for National

Defense Education Act

WHEN CONGRESS passed the National Defense Education Act, an appropriation was made available for students who wished to continue their schooling beyond high school. The first monies appropriated were received for the second semester of 1958-59. In addition, appropriations have been made for each school year since that time. During this time Lee College has received \$17,073 from the government. To this amount the Board of Directors has added \$1,897 which makes a total of \$18,970. This amount has been loaned to forty-two students. The largest loan was in the amount of \$665.

Recipients of the loans at Lee College are selected by a special

committee which is appointed by the president. Each borrower must be a full-time student in need of a loan, and must be, in the opinion of the college, capable of maintaining good standing in his chosen courses of study. Special consideration is given to students with a superior academic background who expresses a desire to teach in elementary or secondary schools, and to students whose academic background indicates a superior capacity or preparation in science, mathematics, engineering, or a modern foreign language.

Repayment terms of the loan are liberal, extending over a ten-year period which begins one year after the person ceases to be a full-time student in college. Interest

begins at the time of repayment and is at the rate of three per cent. The borrower's obligation to repay his loan is canceled in the event of his death or permanent and total disability. For those who become full-time teachers in a public elementary or secondary school, the loans are canceled at the rate of ten per cent a year up to five years.

The program presents an excellent opportunity for individuals of promise but of limited means to attend college.

Those who are interested in applying for an NDEA student loan at Lee College should direct all correspondence to J. H. Walker, Jr., chairman of the Lee College NDEA Committee.

The Lee Junior College Curriculum

APPROXIMATELY forty per cent of the population of the student body at Lee College is enrolled in the Junior College Division. These students have chosen a program which gives them basic courses in their preparation as teachers, secretaries, or in general education.

In commerce Lee Junior College offers courses which prepare one for immediate employment upon graduation. This is a terminal program which covers two years of study in such subjects as English, typewriting, shorthand, accounting, business math, business law and the like.

For students who desire to continue their studies beyond two years of college, there are three programs available. The commercial curriculum includes some commercial subjects the first two years

as well as the other required courses of most liberal arts programs. The teacher-training curriculum includes the basic courses of English, mathematics, laboratory sciences, education, psychology, health, and social sciences. For students who desire to follow a liberal arts curriculum, Lee Junior College offers a number of electives in addition to the required courses in English, laboratory sciences, social sciences, foreign language, Bible and the like.

The quality of work at Lee compares favorably with other colleges and universities. The teachers are well qualified. Most of them have received their Masters degree and several have done additional graduate work. They are dedicated to their work. The facilities at Lee are more than adequate for a junior college curriculum. The li-

brary contains about 12,000 catalogued volumes, twice the minimum number required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The laboratories were built for a four-year college and are better than those usually found in a junior college.

Thus with adequate facilities, well-prepared teachers, and a Christian atmosphere, Lee College is an excellent choice for one's first two years of college.

School of Music Record Club

The School of Music releases an average of one record per month through the Continental Record Club. The recordings are sent to many hundreds of members of the club and are played over numerous radio stations in America and several abroad.

Prayer Requests



Pray that the Lord will heal me of a nervous condition. I must have help from the Lord.
—Mrs. Marvin Brewer
718 W. 9th St.
Bonham, Tex.

Pray that my husband and two of my sisters-in-law will find work.
—Lyda Hanshaw
Davin, W. Va.

Pray for the healing of my sister's nerves and my mother's body.
—Mrs. E. W. Carden
315 Carlisle
Lexington, Ky.

Pray for the salvation of my parents and for the healing of my little brother.
—Mrs. Eva M. Miller
2918 S. Park Rd.
Louisville 19, Ky.

Pray earnestly that I will feel God's Spirit.
—A sister in Christ

Pray for some very special unspoken requests. Also pray that I will know God's will.
—A believer

Pray for a special unspoken request.
—A friend

Pray that my husband will be saved and my daughter will find work.
—A sister in Christ

Pray that the Lord will heal my body. Also pray that He will heal my brother who has tuberculosis.
—Albert Ferrell
Branchland, W. Va.

Pray that the Lord will work out an interference in my home. I am in desperate need of help from the Lord.
—Someone in need

Pray for an urgent request.
—Mrs. J. B. Lockett
105 Mildred Ave.
Birmingham 14, Ala.

Pray for a very urgent unspoken request. Also pray that my husband will be saved.
—A sister in Christ

Pray for the healing of my body. I have cancers on my back, on my arm and a large one just under my right eye. I am 74 years old and need God to keep me. Pray for my two youngest children to be saved.
—Clara Casteel
414 Elliott Street
Shelbyville, Tenn.

Pray for a very special request. Please pray about this as you would have us pray for your request.
—A reader of the Evangel

Pray that the Lord will heal my body so I can work for Him. Also pray that my husband will be healed of an ear infection and that my 2 daughters will be healed. Pray for the salvation of my 4 children.
—Gladys Taylor
Gen. Del.
Forrest City, Ark.

Pray that the Lord will heal me of stomach trouble.
—A sister in Christ

Pray that I will be healed and drawn closer to God. Pray that my husband will be saved.
—A sister in Christ

Pray that the Lord will heal my husband of stomach trouble and me of heart trouble and bad nerves.
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Good Progress in All Departments

TULLAHOMA, Tenn.—The Tullahoma Church of God reports good progress in all departments. During the last few week-ends we have had 5 saved and 1 sanctified in the regular Sunday night services.

We are very thankful to the Lord for these and many other blessings.

—Reporter

Revival Spreads to Sunday School

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—We recently closed a 2-week revival at the Milwaukee Church of God with the pastor, Rev. Donald E. Wiggins, as the evangelist. God blessed us wonderfully during this revival. There were 14 saved, 6 sanctified, and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost. One or two nights we did not have any preaching. People came running to the altars. Also, one Sunday morning we did not get to go to our Sunday School classes. During devotions the altars filled up and we only got to read the Sunday School lesson all together about 12:00 noon.

Our Sunday School averaged more during the month of October than any month previous to this since the organization of the church. We averaged about 40.

We are now completing our church basement which is certainly an asset to the church.

We have been here 2 months and during that time there have been 19 saved, 6 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray much for us here at Milwaukee that God will continue to pour out His Spirit upon us.

—Donald E. Wiggins, pastor

Thirty-five Saved

FT. OGLETHORPE, Ga.—The Ft. Oglethorpe Church of God recently closed a 3-week revival with Sister Dorothy Wilkins as the evangelist. People were stirred as I have never seen them before. There were 35 saved, 22 sanctified, 20 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many healed.

Sister Wilkins was a great bless-

ing to our church while lifting up the name of our Saviour.

—Hazel Reed, pastor

Church Blessed by State-wide Revival

FERGUSON, Iowa.—We are still rejoicing in the Lord for a recent revival in our church. This was a state-wide revival in which every church had a revival at the same time.

Rev. F. W. Black from Florence, South Carolina, was our speaker. Brother Black was the best evangelist our church has ever had. Each evening he delivered a powerful heaven-inspired message. All who met him were deeply impressed and blessed by his presence. We would recommend him to any Church of God.

Souls were richly blessed in each meeting. Two were gloriously saved and 3 were added to the church.

Twenty Per Cent Increase in Membership

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Roseland Church of God experienced a great revival conducted by Rev. Woodrow Morgan. The anointing of the Lord was present at every service. We, as a young church, were led deeper in the knowledge and experience of the Lord.

Many were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized in water. Many wonderful

healings were wrought. We had a 20 per cent increase in membership as a result of this glorious revival.

The presence of God was felt nightly and we believe that everyone who attended was drawn closer to the Lord.

We thank God for sending Brother Morgan to our city, and we wish to extend to him a cordial invitation to return any time he feels led of the Lord for our doors are always open to him and his fine family.

—J. D. Golden, pastor

Church Experiences Its Greatest Outpouring of Spirit

PORTLAND, Ore.—Since the Assembly the Portland Church has not only been having "showers of blessings," but regular downpours! God has been blessing in such a mighty way.

Revival spirit burned in every heart, and several were saved even before the revival started. As the time for revival grew near and many prayers went up, hearts were revived and expectant of a great outpouring from God.

We have just closed a two-week revival with our State Overseer, John D. Nichols. Our church had never before experienced such a marvelous visitation from God as it did these two weeks. Every service was wonderful and blessed as souls, from the juniors to the adults, prayed through to salvation and the precious Holy Ghost.

As Brother Nichols preached the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, everyone was made to feel their need of God. Ten were saved, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost and several renewed their experiences.

We still have the revival spirit burning in our hearts and are praising and thanking God for His goodness.

—Mrs. R. G. Stephens, reporter

SANCTIFICATION EXPLAINED

This new 76-page book by Rev. Albert H. Batts called **A Threefold Sanctification for a Threefold Man** answers questions that are being asked today about this doctrine such as: Can we have this experience in this life or do we receive it in or after death? Is it definite or is it indefinite? Is it progressive or instantaneous? What about the saved who die without hearing about the doctrine, and the baby that died with the seed of sin in the soul? Does sanctification commence in the new birth? These and other questions are answered in this book.

There are also five other inspiring messages: The Suez Canal in Prophecy; One Language for World Soon; These Signs for Believers; Our Greatest Need; The Lord's Day—The End of Time.

This new 76-page book may be ordered for 65c each or two for \$1.00 from Rev. Albert H. Batts, 7120 Lee Highway, Chattanooga 11, Tennessee.

Just ask for the new book. The profit will go to help one disabled minister, one worthy Lee College student, and one native missions worker.



Election Echoes

The election was over, the votes (most of them anyway) were finally counted—but the analysis went on.

Among the most significant and thought-provoking comments and reactions:

Christianity Today (from an editorial in its issue of Nov. 21)—“Senator Kennedy’s showing from one point of view marked a Roman Catholic breakthrough, from another a Catholic compromise. On the religious issue he courageously declared himself on the side of American rather than Vatican traditions. There were Kennedy’s statements that Church-State separation is ideal (Roman Catholicism has viewed separation as tolerable until a Catholic majority can implement the state as the temporal arm of the Roman Church); his opposition to federal aid to parochial schools (some Jesuits call such a policy unjust); his opposition to an envoy to the Vatican; his professed obligation to the Constitution rather than to the pope in political affairs. Those who had ‘future doubts’ (‘the first Kennedy might be a very good president,’ said a distinguished Protestant theologian in Europe, ‘but the third or fourth might be Innocent III’) detected a rising Catholic lay disgust over the persecution mentality of Catholicism in Spain, Colombia, and so on. Whether this election year idealism will blossom into post-election realism supportive of religious freedom remains to be seen.”

Dr. Ramsey Pollard (president of the Southern Baptist Convention)—“We ought to support (President-elect Kennedy), believe in him and earnestly pray for him. He faces a tremendous task and he needs the undivided loyalty of the American people.” But he added that “we still claim the right to constructive criticism.”

Dr. Glenn L. Archer (executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of

Church and State)—Mr. Kennedy “won the hearts of millions of Protestant and Jewish voters when he declared at Houston, Texas, that he believed in the absolute separation of Church and State.” The POAU leader added, “That is a principle which our organization

has always emphasized and which we will continue to fight for.”

Rev. Donald H. Gill (executive secretary of Citizens for Religious Freedom, which has disbanded)—“A milestone has been set in American history by the election of a Roman Catholic to the presidency.” His statement for the organization which “articulated Protestant concerns” during the campaign said it believed that Mr. Kennedy’s “complete commitments” on Church-State separation and freedom of individual conscience were “instrumental in his victory.” At the same time, however, in a comment obviously directed to the Roman Catholic hierarchy, it said, “We trust the cause of religious freedom also will be advanced through the exercises of great restraint by church leaders, regardless of denomination, who might be tempted to seek special advantages for their Church through political means.”



Religious Freedom Hailed at Reformation Services

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Thousands of worshippers jammed the huge Kansas City, Missouri, Municipal Auditorium to celebrate the 442nd anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in a service typical of observances in communities throughout the United States and around the world. Sponsored by the Council of Churches of Greater Kansas City, Missouri, and the Association of Churches of Kansas

City, Kansas, its theme was “Religious Freedom,” commemorating Martin Luther’s historic posting of his 95 theses on the Castle church door at Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. Highlights included a Reformation Chorus comprised of nearly 90 massed choirs, and an impressive, solemn clergy procession.

—Religious News Service Photo

**E. Stanley Jones Sees
Evangelistic Opportunity
in Spiritual "Emptiness"**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—What is the greatest evangelistic opportunity in both East and West? Dr. E. Stanley Jones sees it as the "emptiness" of the human soul.

Arriving here to conduct a one-day Ashram (retreat) and a week-long preaching mission, the internationally-known evangelist and author said leading psychiatrists agree that "the central neurosis of the world is soul's emptiness."

"Men cut themselves off from the root of their being—God—so life becomes dull, meaningless and

empty," he said. "It's to that that I am speaking in the East and West. It's the same problem everywhere."

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**NAE Slates "World Day of
Prayer"**

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—With a strong emphasis on the Bible as the Word of God and evangelism as the mission of the Church, evangelicals will gather in their churches February 17 to observe the 1961 World Day of Prayer.

"A Sower Went Forth" is the theme for the observance this year. A prayer booklet to be used as a

guide for the services has been written by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. The booklet contains devotional thoughts, responsive readings and hymn selections, with an introduction by Dr. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The materials, including the worship booklets and advertising posters, can be obtained by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Ave., Wheaton, Illinois. All orders should specify the quantity needed.



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